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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE DC-3 LOST

¶1. On February 18, 2009, a Colombian National Police (CNP) DC-3 airplane (tail number PNC 0211, GOC-titled and USG-supported) suffered significant damages while on the ground loading Colombian National Police personnel in Medellin, Antioquia. A CNP load-master aircrew member is in critical condition, with 7 other police officers injured. No U.S. citizens were on the aircraft.

¶2. Although the cause of the explosion has not been determined, a terrorist attack has been ruled out. A bilateral safety investigation with CNP and the Narcotics Affairs Section (NAS) is ongoing. The loss of the aircraft will adversely affect current efforts to support counternarcotics activities.

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